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## NH's State Committee on Aging

### April 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Russ Armstrong, Norma Brettell, Candace Cole-McCrea, Larry Flint, Mark Frank, Herb Johnson, Joan Schulze

**Excused:** Richard Crocker, Rep. Susan Emerson, Sherri Harden, Bob Ritchie, Roger Vachon Engaging NH

**Guests:** Sue MacKillop ServiceLink, Sandra Meteivier NH Health Families, Jo Moncher DHHS, Alison Morgan, Director of Grafton County ServiceLink, Tracey Tarr DHHS, Jim Thompson

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Mark Frank. Attendees introduced themselves.

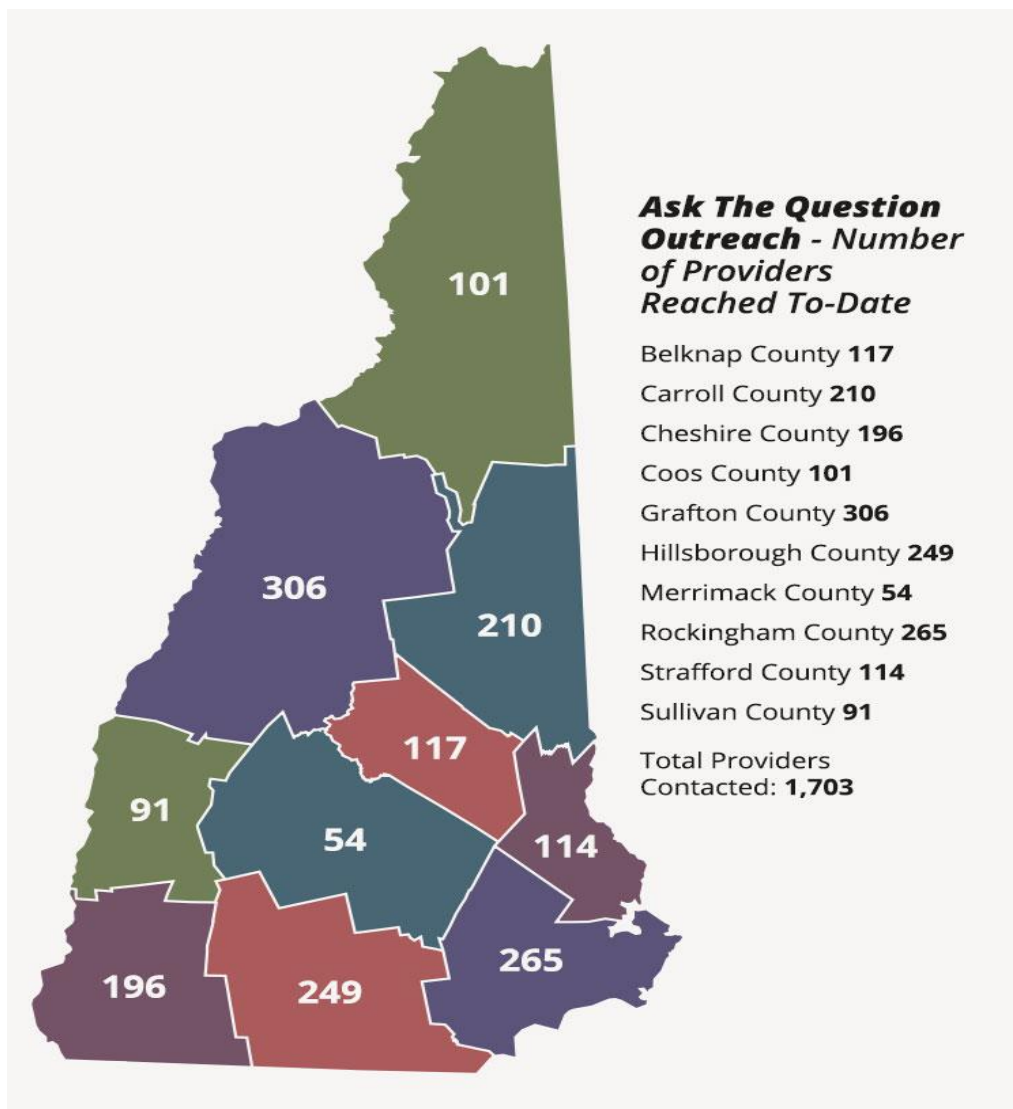
Motion to approve the March 7, 2016 meeting minutes, motion was approved.

Sue MacKillop, ServiceLink and Alison Morgan Director– Ask the Question –

The purpose of this initiative is to implement a statewide campaign that encourages agencies and organizations from a variety of provider sectors (including healthcare, social services, education, and others) to ask the question, “Have you or a family member ever served in the military?,” and provide information and assistance to providers regarding what to do when the answer is “Yes.”

The “Ask the Question” Outreach & Education Campaign is an initiative of the NH Department of Health and Human Services with ongoing review from the NH Commission on PTSD and TBI (COPT). It is funded through NH’s BIP (Balancing Incentive Program) grant, and operates concurrently and in coordination with a statewide Military Culture Education & Training Campaign being carried out by Dare Mighty Things.

Provider sectors are: Aging Senior Services, Children’s Services & School Systems, Employment & Vocational Services, Faith-Based Groups, Health Care & Medical Services, Higher Education & Adult Learning, Housing & Homelessness Services, Law Enforcement & First Responders, Legal & Advocacy Services, Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders Services, Social Services – Federal/State/Local/Non-profit, and Women’s Services and Crisis Centers.



Go to <http://askthequestionnh.com/> please visit the website. This website is full of resources on how to help connect to the veteran or family member. Impact stories of how the question has helped veterans, family members. Ask the question.

Dare Mighty Things is a veteran-owned business specializing in technology-enabled training, technical assistance, benchmarking, and performance management. As a trusted partner of government agencies, nonprofits, and foundations for over 20 years, we deliver solutions for leaders, staff, and volunteers who work with the least empowered and most at risk youth and families. Focus areas include resilience, mentoring, and reintegration in families, the workforce, and society. Go to <http://www.daremightythings.com/>, and check out the schedule of trainings and sign up to.

Medicaid managed care update: Rich

All Medicaid populations are now receiving their acute care services under the auspices of the managed care organizations. And given the Commissioners testimony at the SB 553 hearing, managed care for long term supports and services which originally were scheduled for the fall of 2016 will be put off until some future time. If SB 553 passes the house and the governor signs the bill, managed care for long term supports and services would not be until 7/1/2017 at the earliest.

Legislation: Rich

SB 553 – Relative to implementation to the Medicaid managed care program-- declares that phase 2, step 2 of the program shall not be implemented until July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017 and until it is approved by the legislative fiscal committee. SCOA testified in support of the bill. Bill passed 23 to 0 in the Senate. It is in the House Health and Human Services and Elderly Affairs (HHHSEA) Committee. Commissioner of DHHS testified and indicated that some laws would need to be changed regarding nursing home reimbursement before DHHS could move forward with managed care for long term supports and services. Also, at this point, DHHS did not have a fully developed plan to share with the public and to operationalize for these services within managed care.

SB 364 - Establishing a committee to study the feasibility of incorporating complete streets into the 10-year transportation improvement plan. Passed the Senate and is now in the House.

SB 395 - Relative to minimum housing standards for tenants with health or respiratory issues. This bill has been referred to interim study by the Senate.

SB 426 - Establishing an end of life choices study commission. Passed by the Senate, now in the House. Rich sent an email to the House Judiciary chair and as of 3/30 has not heard back from him.

SB 432 - Relative to itemized bills for medical services. Was passed by the Senate with amendment. It is now in the House Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee.

SB 434 - Relative to prior authorizations for prescription medicine. Referred to interim study by the Senate.

SB 471 - Relative to persons parking with disabilities. Passed by the Senate with amendment. Now in the House Transportation Committee.

SB 491 - Relative to Medicaid home health care services. Senate passed with amendment. Allows Medicaid home health services to be provided outside of the residence in which normal life activities take place. Hearing 4/7/16 in the HHHSEA Committee. This bill parallels changes at the federal level.

HB 1138 - Relative to access to investigational drugs, biological products, and devices. Passed House with amendment. Now in Senate Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee. Bill establishes "Terminal Patients' Right to Try" such products.

HB 1165 - Changing "incapacitated" to "vulnerable" in the adult protective services laws. Passed the House with amendment. Now in Senate HHS Committee.

HB 1180 - Relative to the authority of towns to issue bonds for the expansion of Internet service. Majority voted to inexpedient to legislate.

HB 1257 - Relative to revocation or suspension of a driver's license because of physical impairment. Inexpedient to legislate by the House.

HB 1310 - Establishing a commission to study health care for all residents of New Hampshire. Referred to interim study by the House.

HB 1316 - Relative to hospital rates for self-pay patients. Passed the House. Now in Senate HHS Committee.

HB 1378 - Relative to disabled voters requiring assistance. Passed the House with amendment. Amendment allows a voter, who appears at a polling place, under oath to the moderator, to ask for an absentee ballot when unable to access a polling place due to a physical disability. Now in the Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee.

HB 1407 - Establishing a property tax credit for persons providing certain home health care services for a family member. Inexpedient to legislate by the House.

HB 1696 - Requesting a modification of the New Hampshire health protection program. Passed the House with amendment. Now in the Senate with a floor vote on 3/31/16.

Vaughan Awards Update – All counties but Cheshire has submitted their nominees. Committee will vote after the next meeting to finalize everything.

Meeting 3/7/2016 Guidance of Terms of Governor Appointed Members of the NH State Committee on Aging between Mark Frank SCOA and Catharine George & Jennifer Kusma Governor's office

The State Committee on Aging (SCOA) consists of 15 members appointed by the governor.

- Appointed member can serve two consecutive three year terms (Ref RSA)
  - If member is selected to fill a term of less than 18 months (less than 18 of a 36 months' term) that term it isn't considered a term at all. They can apply for two more terms. (Ref meeting with Catharine George Governor's office 3/7/2016)
- When someone applies and if no one is representing their county they will fill that **"county slot."** The slot of the last member to hold the position. (Ref meeting with Catharine George Governor's office 3/7/2016).
  - There could be two represents per county.
- When a member reapplies for a **second term**, they have to fill out a new application. Reason given, the Governor as well as the Executive Council must vote each time an appointment is made. These members may have changed and they need the information on the applicant. (Ref meeting with Catharine George Governor's office 3/7/2016).
- You don't have to resubmit an application if it is within the year of your last application. (Ref meeting with Catharine George Governor's office 3/7/2016). *You should then send an email or some written communication.*
- You are a voting member even if your term expires as long as you haven't formally resigned. (Ref meeting with Catharine George Governor's office 3/7/2016).
- When you resign you should send a letter. The Governor will send you a letter back. Even your resignations will go before the Executive Council and Governor. (Ref meeting with Catharine George Governor's office 3/7/2016).
- **County Status**
  - Belknap – Vacant June / letter of resignation???
  - Carroll – Re apply June 2016 email
  - Coos – Re apply June 2016
  - Cheshire – Vacant June

- Grafton - Vacant
- Hillsborough – Re apply June 2016
- Hillsborough – Re apply June 2016
- Hillsborough – Vacant December 2016
- Merrimack - Re apply June 2016
- Rockingham – Vacant June
- Strafford – OK to 2018
- Sullivan - Must reapply ASAP – form required
- **Advertisement**
  - In Aging Issues
  - Engaging NH
- **Suggested actions**
  - Send notice of critical shortage to Legislatures.
  - Send notice of critical shortage to Service Links statewide
  - Send notice of critical shortage to members of ????

### **County Updates-**

Joan brought in Nashua's seniors centers newsletter for the committees viewing.

Sullivan - Larry Flint – Meeting in April with their new chairman (Cindy Roberts) who is connected to ServiceLink. Meeting day has change from the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 10:00 am to 11:30am. Location is still an issue and is currently looking for a permeant location. The meeting in April is at the Clermont senior center. The May meeting will be at the Newport senior center. The last meeting was back in Oct 2015.

Hillsboro – Russ Armstrong – The senior center in Keene is still putting together a model for a village that would be associated with the senior center.

Coos – Mark Frank – Attended a Military Culture Training in Berlin sponsored by Dre Mighty Things, 35 people attend the training.

Elder coalition and the Tri-State Health Coalition had a conference on March 31, 2016 there was 370 people in attendance.

## **Other Cats & Dogs:**

Membership, people that are due need to reapply to the committee. With the recent advertising in Aging Issues, there has been three inquires in becoming SCOA members; two are from Rockingham and the other from Hillsboro.

Aging Issues spring addition was distributed to the members. This issue will also be posted to the Bureau of Elder Adult Services (BEAS). Distribution has expanded to the Coos county luncheon group and libraries.

When Engaging NH sends out their electronic newsletter forward it on to as many people you know and ask them to spread as well. There will be a link to Engaging NH on the SCOA site.

On the SCOA website there is a calendar there that can be used for posting important conferences, meeting and other activates.

Kate McNally is the guest speaker for next month's meeting. She is a program manager for Cheshire Coalition for Tobacco Free Communities.

For the June meeting Mark is looking to schedule Transportation and Regional Coordinating Committees to come in and give SCOA a quick over view.

Multi Hazard Mitigation Plans from Homeland Security and Emergency Management will be coming sometime soon.

Granite State Senior Games now known as NH Masters Games, registration beings May 1, 2016 is open to 50 and older, you can sign up for 18 events. The events are in August and this year you can qualify for the 2017 national events in Birmingham, Alabama.

The transportation rate per client per day rate will increase from \$8.75 per day to \$9.32 per day, and the per mile rate will increase from 30 cents per mile to 54 cents per mile. The rate change for the Adult In-Home Care service was also approved, going from \$8.38 per half hour to \$9.58 per half hour, or from \$16.76 per hour to \$19.16 per hour.